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PART II

Paragraph 1 ter

Effective international measures to guarantee and monitor the implementation of human rights standards should be taken in respect of people under foreign occupation, and effective legal protection against the violation of their human rights should be provided, in accordance with human rights norms and international law, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949, and other applicable norms of humanitarian law.

to be inserted after the first paragraph of Paragraph 19:

The World Conference is deeply concerned about violations of human rights during armed conflicts, affecting the civilian population, especially women, children, the elderly and the disabled. The Conference therefore calls upon States and all parties to armed conflicts to strictly observe international humanitarian law, as set forth in the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and other rules and principles of international law, as well as minimum standards for protection of human rights, as laid down in international conventions.

The World Conference reaffirms the right of the victims to be assisted by humanitarian organizations, as set forth in the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and other relevant instruments of international humanitarian law and calls for the safe and timely access for such assistance.

PART III, SECTION V

7. The World Conference recommends that the Commission on Human Rights examine the possibility for better implementation of existing human rights instruments at the international and regional level and encourages the International Law Commission to continue its work on an international criminal court.

10. The World Conference underlines the importance of preserving and strengthening the system of Special Procedures Rapporteurs, Representatives, Experts and Working Groups of the Commission on Human Rights, and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in order to enable them to carry out their mandates in all countries throughout the world, providing them with the necessary human and financial resources. The procedures and mechanisms should be enabled to harmonize and rationalize their work through periodic meetings. All States are asked to cooperate fully with these procedures and mechanisms.

11. The World Conference recommends that the United Nations assume a more active role in the promotion and protection of human rights in ensuring full respect for international humanitarian law in all situations of armed conflict, in accordance with the purposes and principles of its Charter.